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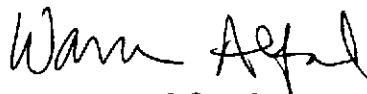
Dear Executive Director Snow,

Please accept these comments for the formal record for the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement.

As a native Californian, I have witnessed the decline of our once great rivers and fisheries in this state. It is critical that the CalFed Bay/Delta program be revised to:

- make a serious commitment in the least expensive and least environmentally damaging solutions, especially during the first stage of the program;
- not consider expanding dams, canals or reservoirs until after the first stage when alternative solutions have been given a real chance to work. Taxpayer should not subsidize these options. They are generally the most expensive and most environmentally damaging;
- restore our rivers, bays and fisheries by guaranteeing more fresh water flows through the Delta to improve water quality for people and wildlife;
- improve water quality for people, farming and wildlife by preventing pollution at the source.

Thank you,



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